

REMARKS

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 6 and 17-21; amended Claims 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8, and added new Claims 22-67. Claims 2-5, 7, 8, and 22-67 are currently pending in the application. A clean copy of all claims currently pending in the application is attached hereto.

Applicant believes that the claims currently presented in this Preliminary Amendment are all allowable over the prior art. The general organization of the claims newly added by Preliminary Amendment is as follows:

Independent Claim 22 is directed to an improved night light having a housing, a bulb, and a gasket around the base of the bulb to seal the socket from the weather. A control circuit is contained within the housing to provide at least two different brightnesses of light output depending upon the position of a switch. This combination is not suggested by any of the prior art references of record in the parent application.

Independent Claim 23, and its dependent Claims 24-27 are directed to an improved night light having at least two separate light sources. A switch and a control circuit are provided for turning on either one or both of the light sources in order to provide different brightness levels output by the night light. Dependent Claims 24-27 are directed to various distinct, specific features of the improved night light.

Claim 28 is directed to an improved night light for use in an outdoor installation. This night light is of a type which includes an outlet box cover adapted to mount over an electrical outlet. Its light source is mounted under a cover plate, and a hinged door allows access to a second electrical outlet.

The outlet box is sealed against the weather, and contains a control circuit to control operation of the bulb. Dependent Claims 29-43 are directed to various additional features of the claimed night light, and are believed to be individually patentably distinct over the prior art. Claim 28 is similar to a claim which was previously allowed in the parent application, and is believed patentably distinct over the prior art for the same reasons the parent claim was allowed.

Independent Claim 44 is directed to an improved night light having a housing, a light source, and a switch. A control circuit is included within the housing to control operation of the light source. The control circuit allows the light source to be turned off, or on in at least two discrete brightness levels. This type of function has not heretofore been included in a night light product, and is patentably distinct over normal variable-brightness lamps and fixtures. Dependent Claims 2-5, 7, 8 and 45-53 depend from independent Claim 44, and are directed to various more specific features of the invention. Each of these independent claims is independently patentable over the prior art cited of record in the parent application.

Independent Claim 54 is directed to an improved night light having a housing, a light source, and means attached to the housing for adjusting the level of light provided by the light source to at least three different brightness levels. This claim has features in common with claims allowed in the parent application, and in particular the designation of at least three different brightness levels. Dependent Claims 55-62 depend from Claim 54, and are directed to various distinct, specific features. All of Claims 54-62 are believed allowable in view of the references cited in the parent application.

Independent Claim 63 is directed to an improved night light having a housing, a light source, and a motion sensor for turning a light source on in response to motion detected near the night light. While motion sensors are known with respect to certain types of lighting products, it has not heretofore been considered to include a motion sensor with a night light product. The resulting claim product has advantages which have not heretofore been recognized, and this claim is patentable over the prior art cited in the parent application. Dependent Claims 64-67 depend from independent Claim 63, and are directed to various specific features related to this invention. All of these claims are allowable over the known prior art.

In summary, all of the newly added and amended claims are believed to be allowable over all of the prior art cited in the parent application. Applicant therefore respectfully requests consideration and allowance of all claims currently pending in this application. Enclosed find a check in the amount of \$318.00 (26 claims in excess of twenty \$234.00; 2 additional independent claims \$84.00).

Respectfully submitted,

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